

Christ Church
Dover, Delaware

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CHRIST CHURCH
Dover, Kent County, Delaware.

Owner: Rector, wardens and vestry of Christ Church, Dover, Delaware.

Date of Erection: Began 1734, finished about 1746, chancel added 1887.

Present Condition: Good, but much changed from original condition.
Repaired 1859-60.

Number of Stories: One and gallery.

Materials of Construction: Brick.

Other Existing Records: Scharf, J. Thomas, "History of Delaware",
pps 1052-1057. "Some Historic Points in Delaware", National Society
of Colonial Dames in Delaware.

Additional Data: "The alterations made in 1859 entirely changed the
internal appearance of the Church, and somewhat the external also.
Recent alterations have changed it still more. The original
entrance was on the south side, under a gallery which extended
along that side, and was lighted by a window in the east end of
the Church, and entered, as now, from the northwest corner. The
high pews were in blocks and floored, but the aisles were laid
in brick. The chancel was at the east end, merely railed off; the pulpit
and reading desk and clerk's desk, being high up on the north wall,
while over all hung the sounding board, suspended by a heavy iron
rod. The only fire originally provided for was in the vestry".
Scharf, p.1057. Other restorations made in 1913-16.

Laussat R. Rogers

Approved

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District Officer.

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